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ROSA L. DELAURO
3RD DISTRICT, CONNECTICUT

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Boys & Girls Club of Milford Clubhouse Renovation in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Boys & Girls Club of Milford, located at 59 Devonshire Road, Milford, CT 06460.

The \$2 million the Boys & Girls Club of Milford is requesting in funding would be used to renovate a new Clubhouse and 10 acres of open space. Their goal is to expand their capacity to serve children and young adults, ages 5 -18, specifically by increasing access to recreational sports, improving programming opportunities, expanding hours of operation, and expanding services for teens. With the expansion of their program and services, their goal and priority will be to continue to offer their members and their families life enhancing programming at the incredibly low cost per year and continue to provide programming scholarships for those most in need. This project will ensure that everyone, especially those most in need, will be able to attend and be a member of the Club.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the renovation of the existing St. Gabriel's School in Milford to a Boys & Girls Club Clubhouse, will enable the Boys & Girls Club to increase total membership from 1000 youth per program year by a projected 100% over the next 5 years, allowing the Club to serve over 2,000 kids annually. It is anticipated that the average of 240 members served daily will increase to more than 400 per day.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rosa L. DeLauro".

Rosa L. DeLauro
Member of Congress